

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for Meeting, Nov. 17, 2009
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Burr Taylor (until 3:15), Ann Nemrow, Donald Jones, Deirdre Strachan, Anne Perry. Absent Tony Barrett

Guest: Carol Tukey (town planner)

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:02PM

Minutes of Nov. 3, 2009 approved as amended. Moved by D. Strachan, seconded by A. Perry. Unanimous.

Old Business: Update Save Our Bay sign-up. Discussed B. Taylor suggestion that we have the pledge cards returned to Concom with names of those taking the pledge rather than using a sign-up sheet. Decided to keep the sign-up sheet and design something that would facilitate use of the tri-fold, pledge cards and sign-up sheet. Members of Concom will try to come up with something that works in a small space. A size of 8 1/2 x 11 would be a workable model. Also reviewed HCC website. General layout is good with pictures and content to be added. Meeting with town administration on this issue on Nov. 18.

Review of draft documents: Discussed the best way to disseminate and reproduce the Questionnaire to Lawn Care Companies. A list of organic compliant companies/services to be included and added to the HCC website in the future. Corrections and adjustments on the Wetlands article have already been made. The Take the Pledge article for the next Town Bulletin in early 2010 is too long and A. Nemrow will shorten and resend to members.

Update on warrant article for Cliff Trail area: There will be a public hearing on Dec. 10 at 6:00pm selectmen's meeting and Concom members should attend if possible. Will bring a map for general discussion. No specifics at this meeting but will need to make the case for an easement on part of the land before the end of January 2010. The warrant article is for the Town to apply for grant funds only at this point. The survey when done should be for the entire area of Long Reach/Cliff Trail area not just the portion on which an easement may be placed. Town's Upland Road parcel may also be included.

Reviewed discussion of non-Town Upland Road parcel from selectmen's meeting, with particular interest on a possible trail easement to the shore and connection to Cliff Trail.

Cedar Beach: Reviewed M. Nahf's discussion with Town Administrator on the best way to proceed from this point. At the present time there is no problem with access via Cedar Beach Road and we need to decide on whether to move forward. There may be a period of years of usage on the road that may be key to making access permanent for residents. Possibly could discuss in early 2010 with residents on the street. To discuss this issue further.

Compost Genie: A. Perry reported that she had purchased one and the seeds seemed to be working. Will monitor and see how it works over time.

For Dec. 1 agenda. Review Cliff Trail/Long Reach map that Carol Tukey will prepare for the Dec. 10 selectmen's meeting.

HCC meeting schedule for December: 12/1/09 and 12/15/09 at 3:00pm.

Adjourned at 4:44pm
D. Jones, sec'y.